

PRELUDE ◇ A time of quiet preparation *Pastorale/ R. Lau*
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (Hymn 343)/ R. Hobby

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD from Psalm 9 (NIV)

Leader: I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonders.

People: **I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Leader: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

People: **Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD,
have never forsaken those who seek you.**

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion;
proclaim among the nations what he has done.

People: **I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all
your wonders. I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE **168** (vss. 1-2, 4-5)

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Romans 8: 31-39 (NIV)

Leader: What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us,
who can be against us?

People: **He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us
all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us
all things?**

Leader: Who will bring any charge against those whom God has
chosen? It is God who justifies.

People: **Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more
than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God
and is also interceding for us.**

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or
hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or
sword? ...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.

People: **For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither an-
gels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any
powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of
witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin
that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the
race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the
author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before
him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the
right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12: 1-2 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

Come As You Are/ D. Crowder

Julianna Youndt, Piano/Vocals; Jacob Grasser, Guitar/Vocals

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:1-8 (NIV)

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the
overseers and deacons:

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my
prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your
partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being
confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will
carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have
you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and
confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me.

⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of
Christ Jesus.

SERMON

My Author, My Finisher

Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **529** (vss. 1-2, 4) *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Processional in F/ D. Lasky